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HORSE CAVE CRACK DEALER SENTENCED FOR DISTRIBUTING CRACK COCAINE

- He used a pistol and rifle in his trade

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that **RONALD KEITH WOODARD**, age 31, of Horse Cave, Kentucky, in Hart County, **was sentenced** in United States District Court for possession with intent to distribute and distributing crack cocaine and marijuana and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. The street value of the crack cocaine and marijuana are approximately \$3,000.00.

Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, sentenced **Woodard** to 11 years and 6 months, plus 4 years supervised release following incarceration. **There is no parole in the federal judicial system**.

On August 14, 2006, **Woodard** pled guilty to distributing crack cocaine and being a felon in possession of a firearm (Braverman .25 cal. Stinger pistol and a Marlin 30/30 cal. rifle) in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. **Woodard** was previously convicted of possession of a controlled substance, cocaine, 1st degree, in Barren Circuit Court on December 26, 1977.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Randy Ream, and it was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Horse Cave Police Department.